

Upon entry of this Amendments, claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner give favorable consideration to the claims of the present application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if an interview might be useful for any reason.

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3. An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to [either one of] claim[s] 1 [or 2] in which the applicator means includes at least one absorbent pad secured to the patch along at least one marginal adhering zone, with a non-adhering zone of the pad being interposed between the dispensing container and the backing means for receiving the substance to be dispensed from the container after it has ruptured.

7. An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to [any one of] claim[s] 4 [to 6] in which a pair of absorbent pads are provided in the form of adjacent flaps, each flap being formed with outer marginal adhering zones which are secured to the patch and a pair of intermediate non-adhering zones which are interposed between the dispensing container and the peelable backing, with the container being secured to the patch along an intermediate adhering zone located between the outer marginal adhering zones of the flaps.

11. An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 1 in which the adhesive patch and the peelable backing define an outer sealed container within which the dispensing container is housed.

12. An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 1 in which the adhesive dispensing arrangement is in the form of a sticking plaster or adhesive bandage arrangement in a medical application, with the substance including any form of medicament.

13. An adhesive dispensing arrangement according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 11] in which the substance is arranged to treat selected areas, and is chosen from the group including dyestuffs, etchants, chemical treatments, pigments and catalysts.

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